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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS SPONSOR NEW WWII EXHIBIT

Thanks to the Friends of the Montana Historical Society volunteers a new exhibit next to the veterans' military museum on the third floor of the Society now tells the story of what life was like for civilians during World War Two.

“Montana Homefront 1942” is a fascinating look at how putting the nation on a war-time footing changed daily life for everyone. “Even in Montana, the war and new government regulations would touch nearly every aspect of life at work and play, in school and at home.”

One of the artifacts in the exhibit is a “Remember Pearl Harbor” mirror that was hung in a café in Circle from 1942-1945.

Newspaper articles, historic photographs and posters from the time add to the narrative in the exhibit giving museum-goers a sense of what those times must have been like.

Personal stories add to the experience like the story of Glasgow school teacher Margaret Ann Roberts, who after Pearl Harbor joined the Women Airforce Service Pilots, better known as WASP, who ferried aircraft, taught pilots and performed other essential war-time aviation duties.

Her family donated to the Society the leather flight jacket and cap that Roberts wore during her war-time service, and it is part of the exhibit.

The exhibit addresses other issues as well, like the internment camp at Fort Missoula for Italian war prisoners, and their work in harvesting sugar beets to aid the war effort.

The exhibit was made possible by a generous gift from the Friends.

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